(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Higher compensation is being paid for train accidents or untoward incidents taking place on or after 1-11-97, compensation for death and permanent disability has been raised from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. In case of injuries, the minimum amount has been raised from Rs. 16,000 to Rs. 32,000 and the maximum from Rs. 1.80 lakhs to Rs. 3.60 lakhs depending upon the extent of injuries.

Land levy charges to KRC by Maharashtra

4050. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has asked the Konkan Railway Corporation to pay the levy on land under its track and use;

(b) whether KRC has been served notices by two district collectorates in the State, to pay the land levy charges, for using land for non-agricultural purposes;

(c) whether KRC has been getting tax relief from the Karnataka Government, since 1992; and

(d) if so, whether the Central Government would intervene in the matter and sort out the things amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has taken up this issue with Government of Maharashtra to review its decision and exempt KRC from these charges.

Modasa-Kapadvanj rail line

†4051. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modasa-Kapadvanj rail line in Gujarat, figured in the last year's Budget has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not starting rail services on that rail line, so far, and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) by when Government propsoe to start Modasa-Vadodara rail service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Work on Kapadvanj-Modasa (59.71 km.) new B.G. line has been completed recently at a total approximate cost of Rs. 61.67 crore. Action has been initiated to post the necessary manpower for opening the line which is pre-requisite before opening.

Sharing the cost of Railway Projects

4052. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the State Government to share the cost of Railway Projects in their areas to facilitate early completion;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways have assessed the requirement of funds for completion of various projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other steps taken or proposed to be taken to mobilise funds for its various projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government of Karnataka and the Government of Jharkhand has so far come forward to share the cost of certain Railway projects in their respective States, in response to Ministry of Railway's letter to all Chief Secretaries of State Governments. As per the response received, the Government of Karnataka and Jharkhand are willing to undertake the following projects through cost sharing basis:

Project	Funds required for completion as on 1.4.02 as per information available on date (Rs. Cr.)
Jharkhand	
Ranchi-Barkakana-Hazaribagh-Koderma New Line	1002
Ranchi-Lahardaga Gauge Conversion with extension to Tori	216